

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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coat.* the surface of said main metal shell, at least 90 wt% of the chromium component in said coat
being trivalent chromium and the silicon component from said alkali silicate being present in an
amount of 10 to 40 wt% as calculated for SiO_2 .
